



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 28, 2000

### **S. 2865**

### **Virginia Wilderness Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 20, 2000*

Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2865 would not significantly affect the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2865 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 2865 would amend current law to designate as wilderness roughly 11,300 acres of lands within the George Washington National Forest in Virginia. According to the Forest Service, current management practices on those lands are similar to those required for wilderness areas, and CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would increase the agency's costs to administer those lands by less than \$10,000. That amount includes the estimated costs of posting signs and boundary markers and updating management plans for the proposed wilderness areas.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.